

REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Office Action dated June 29, 2005. It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Claims 39, 60, 61 and 64 have been amended, and claims 15, 30, 46, 47, 59, 66 and 69-74 been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 46 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Masao JP11015498.

Claim 47 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao.

Claims 69-74 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao as applied to claims 1, 41 above and or/claims 69 below, and further in view of Nordenstrom US. 5,668,868.

Claims 15, 30, 39 and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao and further in view of McLoughlin.

Claims 15, 30, 46, 47, 59, 66 and 69-74 have been canceled, so the rejections are now moot. The Examiner stated that claims 60-65 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 60 and 61 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 62-65 depend from claims 60 and 61.

The applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 32-39.

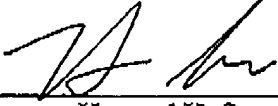
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested

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